RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : In matters of this kind some discretion must be given to the Head of the Department.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether there is any other department where 50 per cent. of the officers have gone out on leave ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It has not been investigated. There might be.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether the Sub-Registrars who have gone out on leave have done so on account of the persecution of the present Director ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Government have no information on that point.

PRESIDENT : You have got yet another question on the same matter. If you exhaust yourself on this, you may not be able to put supplementary questions on the next one.

RAO SAHIB S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Nominated*): Were not the Sub.Registrars entitled to the leave and was it not the duty of the Department to grant the leave ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

Director of Registration.

8. ***MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they are aware that the present Director of Registration wantonly persecutes his subordinates ;

(*b*) whether they are aware that very many Sub-Registrars have taken leave on account of the threatening attitude of the present Director ;

(*c*) whether they are aware that the Director trumps up false and flimsy charges against many Sub-Registrars ; and

(*d*) whether they are aware that the acts and actions of the present Registration Director are mainly the results of personal prejudice and communal jealousy ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) (*a*) to (*d*). Government have no information.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): With reference to part (*b*) of the question, may I know the reason for 50 per cent of the Sub-Registrars taking leave ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That question has already been answered.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : I want to know whether it was due to presecution on the part of the present Director.

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RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government are not aware of it.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to enquire into this matter?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): If Government think it necessary, they will do so.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the article published in *the Malayalee* dated Chingam 19 was brought to the notice of the Director?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) I do not think so.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the articles published on Chingam 10 and 15 in the *Dakshinabharati* have been brought to the notice of the Director?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) No.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the articles published in the *Malayala Rajyam* on Chingam 5 about persecution of the Director was brought to the notice of Government?

SADASYA TILAKAN T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Urban*): I rise to a point of order. He puts the question of presecution. Is it persecution *by* the Director or *of* the Director?

PRESIDENT: Both.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the contents of the article published in *the Malayala Rajyam* dated Chingom 5 with regard to the persecution of the Sub-Registrars by the present Director of Registration was brought to the notice of Government?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): This particular article was not brought to the notice of Government.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know why the Publicity Officer has not brought to the notice of Government the serious allegations contained in the article against the Head of the Department?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) t If the Publicity Officer were to bring to the notice of Government articles appearing in the various newspapers containing allegations against officers, I am afraid he will have time for nothing else. Whenever he finds that serious allegations have been made, he brings such articles to the notice of Government.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether that discretion is left to the Publicity Officer?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Sometimes he brings such articles to the notice of Government. Sometimes higher authorities may themselves notice the articles and take action. Invariably it is the duty of the Publicity Officer to bring these articles to notice of Government.

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MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether Government have asked the present Director of Registration to prosecute these papers for publishing these articles ?

PRESIDENT : It is a suggestion for action being taken. Any other questions ?

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : May I know from the member, in answer to part (*a*), whether the Government are aware that an order has been issued by the present Director of Registration about an acting clerk one Gomathi Amma belonging to the Pandaram community that she could not be given any appointment in the Department for a period of six months ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I claim notice.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : May I know whether the member is aware of the answer given to question 94 in the 5th session of the Sri Mulam Assembly relating to the same subject ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I did not remember the answer given then and that is why I have claimed notice.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : May I know whether the Government are aware of the article published by Mr. G.N. Kesava Pillai of Quilon regarding the irregularities done by the present Director of Registration ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) The Government are not aware.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : May I know whether the Government are aware that after the publication of that article the sub-Registrar of Quilon was *immediately* transferred to a malaria-stricken area ?

RAO. SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) No ; Government are not aware.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : Will the Government be pleased to issue immediate orders to the Director of Registration for not effecting any transfer or appointment at least for the next two months ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Sir the member is asking what action Government are going to do in the matter. I do not know whether it is in order.

PRESIDENT : It is a suggestion for future action.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : May I know whether the Government have taken to task any head of the department on the mere allegation against him in the columns of the newspapers ?

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RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): If serious allegations are made against any officer and if Government think it necessary to enquire into them, an enquiry will be made about the allegations and if the allegations are found to be true the officer concerned will be taken to task.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): In judging whether an allegation is serious or not, may I know whether action will be taken according to the status of the newspaper or according to the nature of the article?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The status of the newspaper does not come into consideration at all.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): When a serious allegation is made against some officer or officers by a paper which is supposed to have a *locus standi* may I know why Government did not take steps to enquire into it or against the officer concerned?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That is a very vague question. The member is referring to some article in some paper about somebody.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): May I know whether any direct representation has been made to Government with respect to the official irregularities of the Director of Registration?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): By whom?

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): By any person.

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): Do not the Government think that the present Director of Registration is an honest officer?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The member wants the opinion of Government. I would appeal to the Chair to see whether such a question is in order.

PRESIDENT: No.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): In view af the unpopularity of the officer, will the Government be pleased not to consider his extension of service?

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): Sir, I rise to a point of order? Did anybody say that the present Director of Registration is unpopular?

PRESIDENT: Probably that is the member's view.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know from Government, when serious charges are published against any person in newspapers, whether they have received any representation for refuting such charges in writing?

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RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government may have received such representations.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): In such cases, may I know the nature of the steps that Government would take; whether they would believe the publication in the newspapers or representations made to Government from the public.

PRESIDENT: That has already been answered. In case Government think that the matter is serious, an enquiry will be made about those allegations and appropriate action taken.

Transfers of Sub-Registrars.

9. ***MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla III*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the names of the Sub-Registrars who have worked in the following stations from 1-11-1109 to 1-11-1110:—

Chengannur, Ambalapuzha, Alleppey, Pattanamtitta, Vaikam, Mannar, Munchira and Nooranad, respectively;

(*b*) the period after 1-11-1110 during which each of the above Sub-Registrars was working in each station with dates thereof; and

(*c*) the names of Sub-Registrars who were given more than one transfer by the present (20-6-1935) Registration Director, with the number of transfers of each and the dates thereof?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) to (*c*). Three *lists containing the information required are laid on the table.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): With reference to part (*a*) of the answer, may I know why, during the course of one year, so many Sub-Registrars were posted at each station?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Is the member asking about the reasons for transferring them?

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): Yes.

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Director of Registration has stated that the transfers are effected sometimes as a result of the complaints received from the public and occasionally also at the request of the Sub-Registrars themselves. Those may be the reasons for transferring and posting more than one Sub-Registrar to each of the places mentioned in the answer.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know whether the member is in a position to give definite reasons for appointing more than four Sub-Registrars in one station as per appendix, to the answer to this question?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The question relates to the transfer of Sub-Registrars and the answer shows that there are about 15 or 16 Sub-Registrars who were posted to about 8 or 9 stations. I cannot give at present the specific reasons

* *Vide* Appendix.

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